

COVID-19 Weekly Summary: 27th April 2021

Case rates remain stable but with the easing of restrictions the situation could very quickly change. Residents and people working in the borough must remain cautious and continue to follow national guidance.

- Vaccination figures continue to improve. More than half of all 45-49 year olds have already received the first dose of the vaccine.
- Following the increase in testing at the end of the Easter break, which was driven by the schools testing programme, there was a reduction in testing last week.
- Nevertheless, the all-age case rate increased by 11% taking the case rate up to 30.1 cases per 100,000 (amber). This mirrors the experience of several other London boroughs and has led to a 6% increase across the region.
- In Barking and Dagenham the increase was largely driven by the 11-16 age group. Cases in the 60+ age group have remained stable with only 3 cases reported in the last week.
- So far no deaths involving Covid-19 have been registered as having occurred in the week ending 16th April 2021.

Case numbers

1st - 22nd April 2021

Total individuals tested	People Tested Positive	People Tested Negative
6,195	203	5,992

Image source: PHE Situational Awareness Explorer

- From the 1st to the 22nd April 2021, 6,195 individuals have been tested and 203 new cases have been confirmed in the borough.
- This is down from 18,739 people tested and 326 confirmed positive in the first 22 days of March 2021, pointing to a continued reduction in cases by month, despite the easing of restrictions.

Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Barking and Dagenham since September 1, 2020, by specimen date and pillar.

4 most recent days are provisional - indicated by a grey background

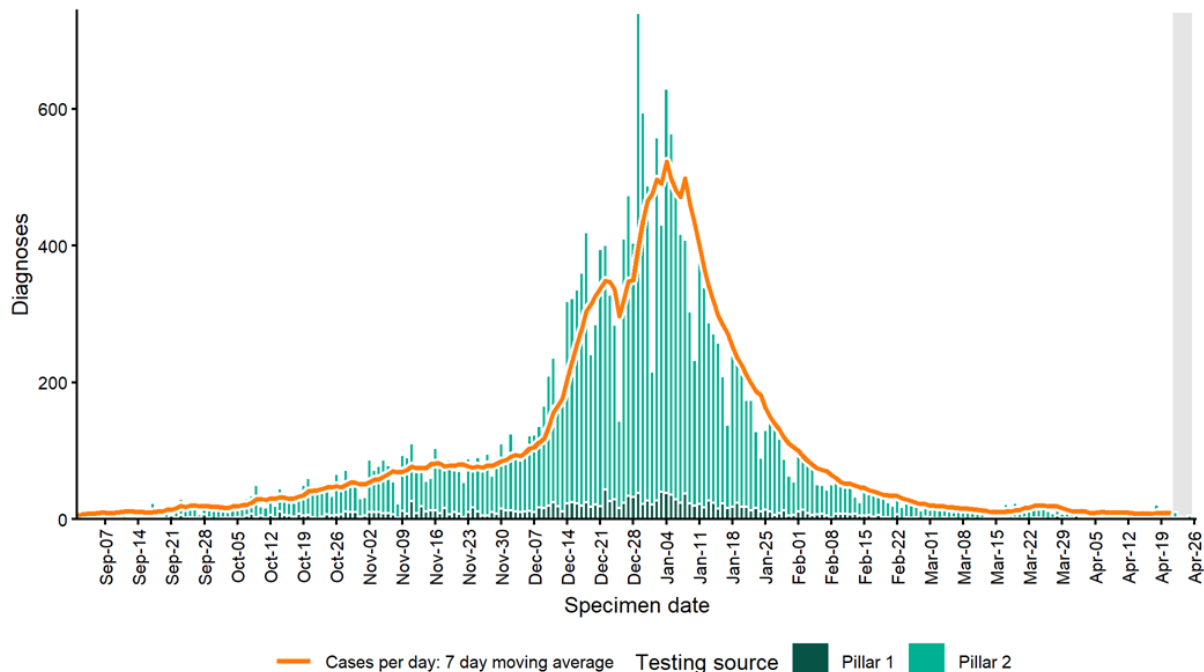


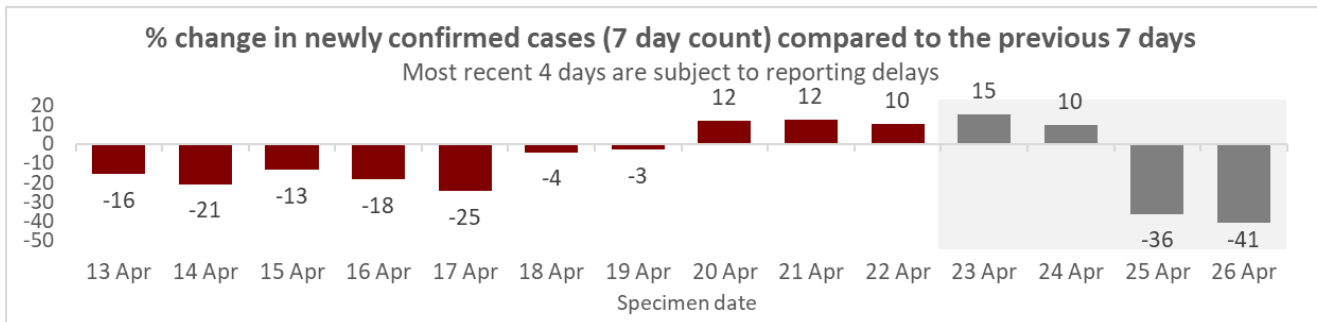
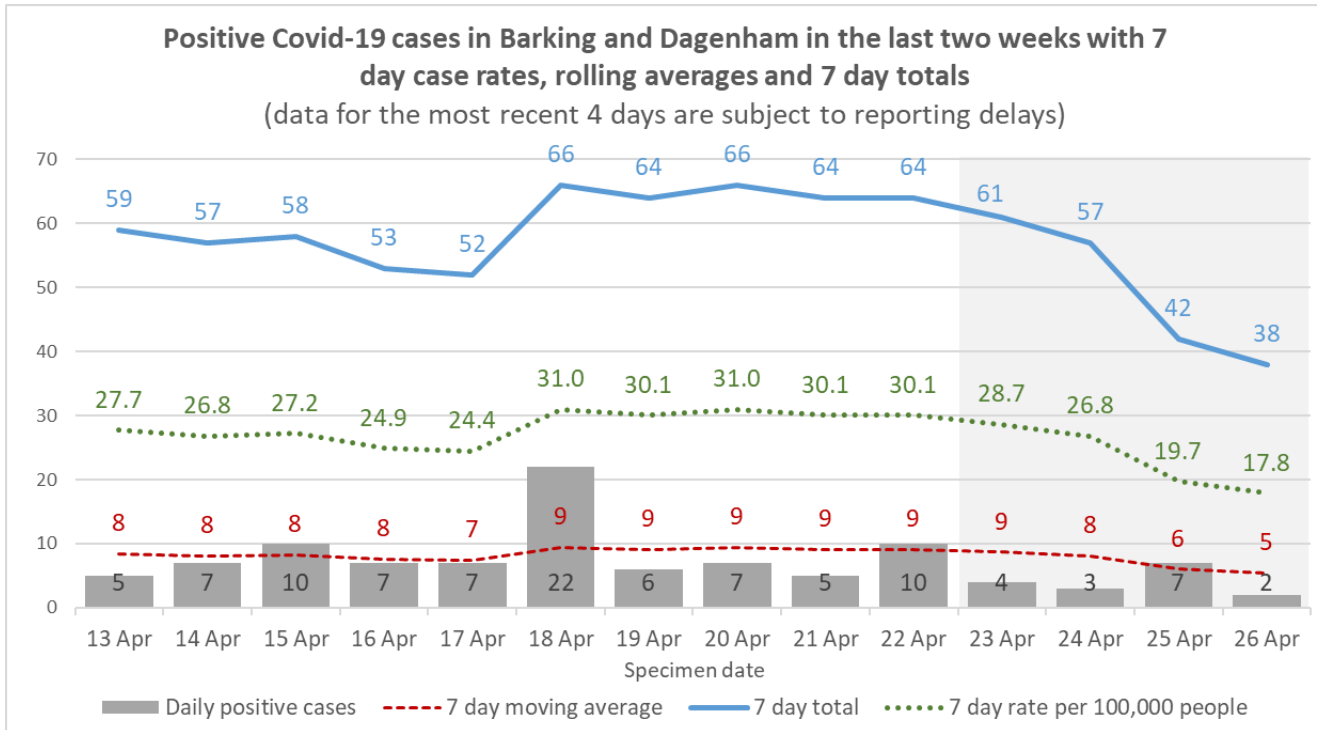
Image source: PHE LA Report

- Due to the school testing programme, the broader testing programme and diligence of residents, the borough hasn't seen the large increase in cases following the Easter break that might otherwise have been expected.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic 23,568 Covid-19 cases have been confirmed in Barking and Dagenham.

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New positive COVID-19 cases in the last two weeks



Data source: PHE Situational Awareness Explorer

- From the 16th – 22nd April there has been a 10% increase in the 7 day total number of positive Covid-19 cases.
- The case rate has been pushed up by a higher than average case count for the 18th April. The majority of these cases were school age residents.
- We expect to see a reduction in the 7 day figures once these cases have moved out of the 7 day reporting period.
- For the period 16th – 22nd April, in Barking and Dagenham there were:
 - 64 new confirmed cases
 - 30.1 new cases per 100,000 people
 - an average of 9 new cases per day

Age-specific case rates per 100,000 people, Barking and Dagenham

Age-specific 7-day rolling case rates per 100,000 population, Barking and Dagenham, March 29 to April 25, 2021, highlighting age groups of interest. The red dashed line denotes the 4 most recent days are provisional.

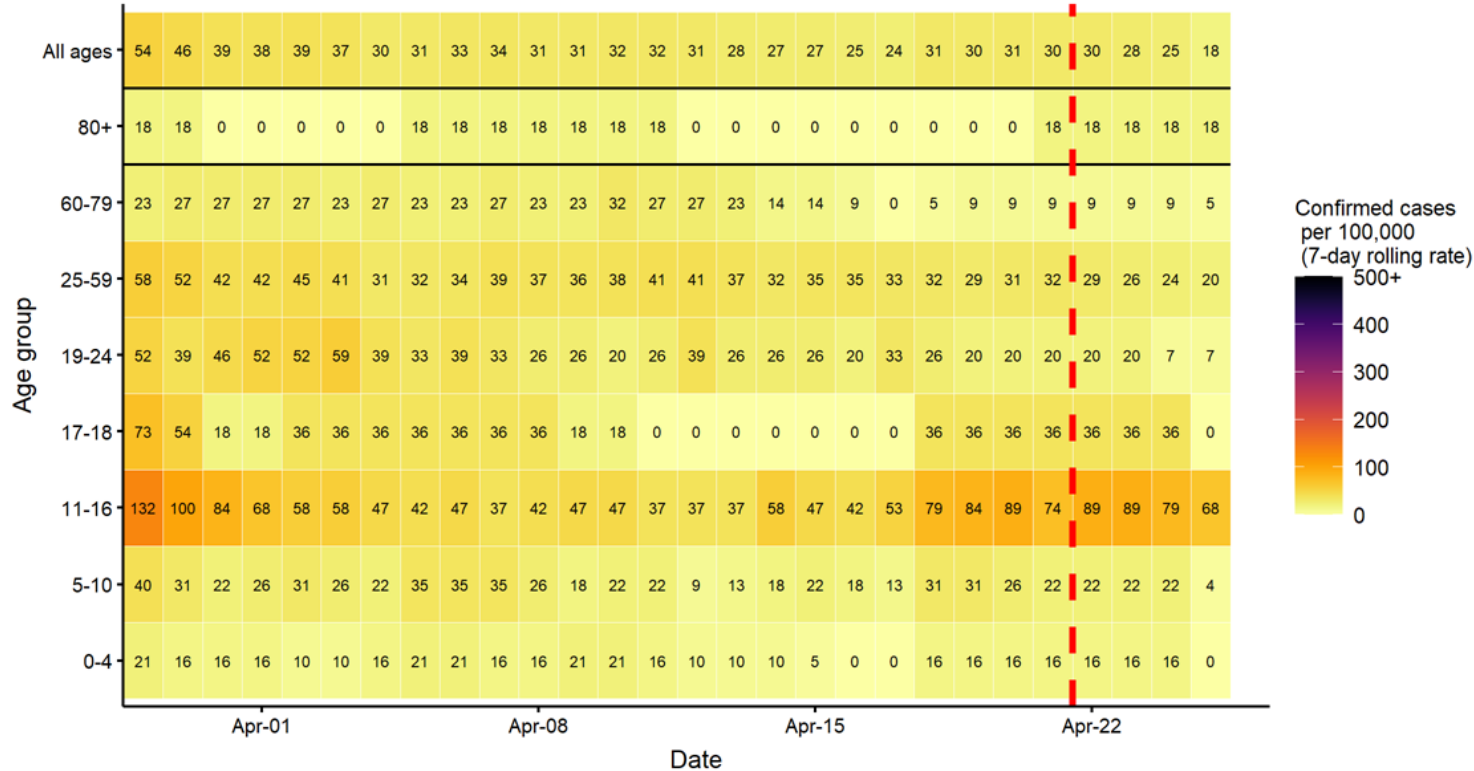


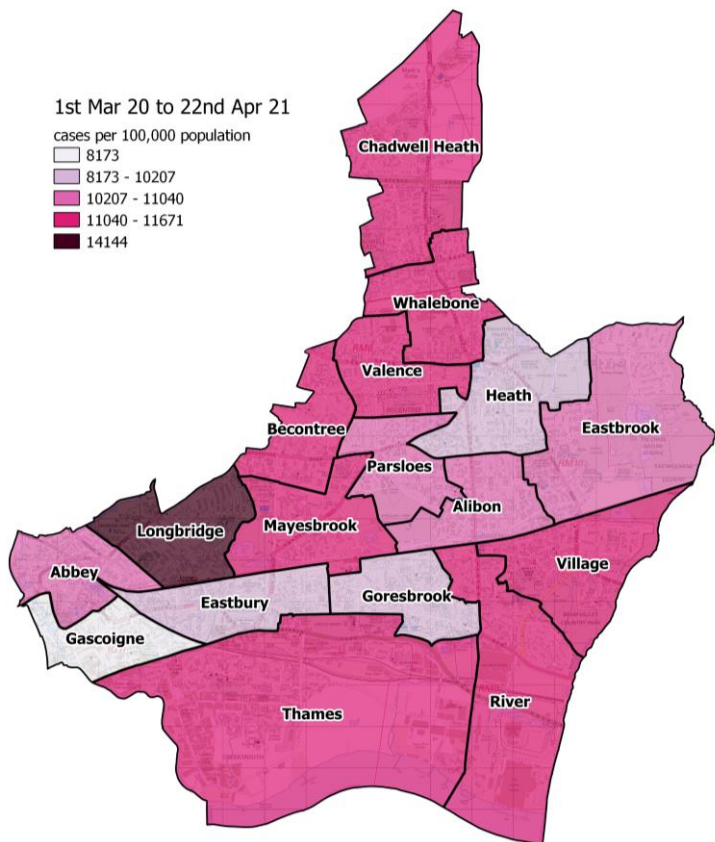
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- There is now less disparity between age groups than we've seen in previous months.
- At the 21st April most age groups have case rates that are within close range of or below the borough average.
- The exception is the 11-16 age group – a higher rate of cases has been identified within this age group as a result of the high number of tests being carried out for the schools testing programme. The rate of 74 relates to 14 cases.
- There has been 1 case confirmed within the 80+ age group giving a case rate of 18. Only two cases were confirmed in the 60-79 age group in the last 7 days (excluding the provisional period to the right of the red dashed line).

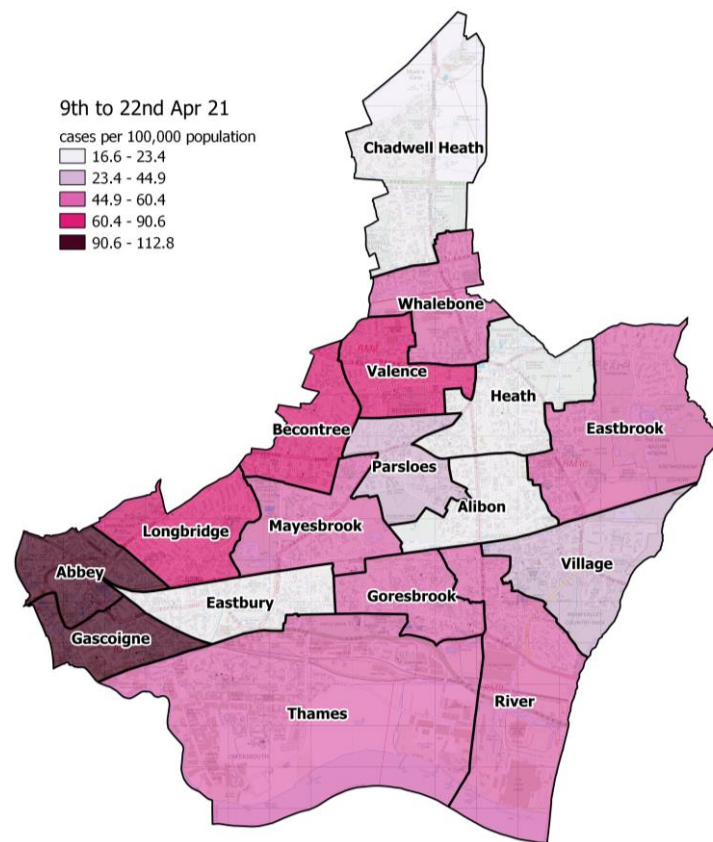
Cumulative and fortnightly confirmed cases by ward

- In the last fortnight, Gascoigne has seen the highest number of new cases per 100,000 people with a case rate of 112.8 – there were 14 new Covid-19 infections recorded in the ward. Abbey saw 16 new cases (no change from last week) equating to a case rate of 101.5, the 2nd highest seen in the last fortnight.
- Only one other ward saw more than 10 new cases confirmed in the last fortnight: Becontree with 11.
- Longbridge continues to stand out as having the highest cumulative case rate of a single ward in the borough at 14,144.2. This is 21% higher than the ward with the 2nd highest cumulative case rate; Whalebone with 11,670.6.

Cumulative case rates



Case rates for the most recent fortnight



Cases and case rates by ward

Ward	Number of cases		Case rate		Population estimate
	1st Mar 20 to 22nd Apr 21	9th to 22nd Apr 2021	1st Mar 20 to 22nd Apr 21	9th to 22nd Apr 2021	
Abbey	1,741	16	11,039.9	101.5	15,770
Alibon	1,205	2	11,006.6	18.3	10,948
Becontree	1,725	11	11,303.3	72.1	15,261
Chadwell Heath	1,322	2	11,572.1	17.5	11,424
Eastbrook	1,257	7	10,851.2	60.4	11,584
Eastbury	1,309	3	10,207.4	23.4	12,824
Gascoigne	1,014	14	8,172.8	112.8	12,407
Goresbrook	1,235	7	10,196.5	57.8	12,112
Heath	1,194	2	9,890.7	16.6	12,072
Longbridge	1,814	10	14,144.2	78.0	12,825
Mayesbrook	1,296	6	11,670.4	54.0	11,105
Parsloes	1,175	5	10,549.5	44.9	11,138
River	1,413	7	11,654.6	57.7	12,124
Thames	1,779	8	11,334.8	51.0	15,695
Valence	1,272	10	11,519.7	90.6	11,042
Village	1,336	5	11,241.1	42.1	11,885
Whalebone	1,481	7	11,670.6	55.2	12,690
Total	23,568	122	11,069.7	57.3	212,906

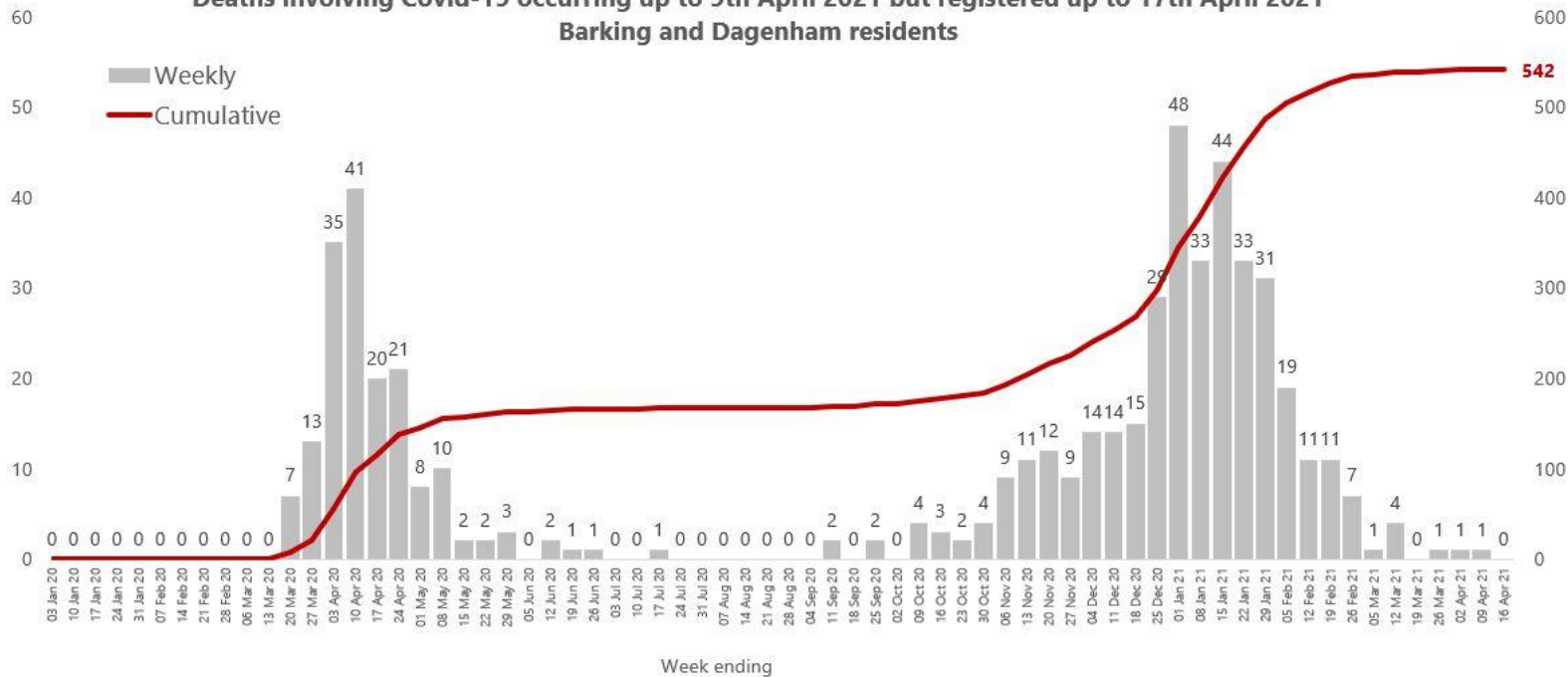
Data source: PHE Line Lists as at 27/04/2021

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Barking and Dagenham Covid related deaths

Deaths involving Covid-19 occurring up to 9th April 2021 but registered up to 17th April 2021
Barking and Dagenham residents



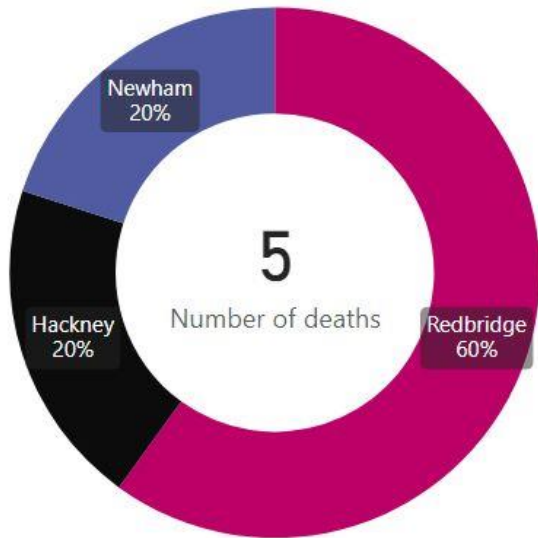
- Provisionally there were 0 deaths involving Covid-19 in the week ending 16th April 2021.
- There has been a total of 542 Covid-19 deaths in Barking and Dagenham since the start of the pandemic. The vast majority, 82% (443/542), occurred in a hospital setting followed by 11% (58/542) which occurred at home.
- In week 15, 3.7% (25/677) of all deaths in London were related to Covid-19, none of which occurred in Barking and Dagenham. The actual number of Covid-19 deaths across London has fallen by 43% in the past 2 weeks from 44 in week 13 to 25 in week 15.

Excess deaths in Barking and Dagenham (weekly deaths 2020-2021 minus 5-year average for 2015 to 2019)



- Provisionally, weekly excess deaths remain negative at -10.4. In real terms, the 5-year average (2015-2019) for this week is 24.4 deaths, compared to 14 deaths from all causes in week 15 of 2021.

North East London Covid related deaths: Week 15 (w/e 16th April 2021)



Area name	Number of deaths	% of deaths
Redbridge	3	60%
Hackney	1	20%
Newham	1	20%
Barking and Dagenham	0	0%
City of London	0	0%
Havering	0	0%
Tower Hamlets	0	0%
Waltham Forest	0	0%
Total	5	100%

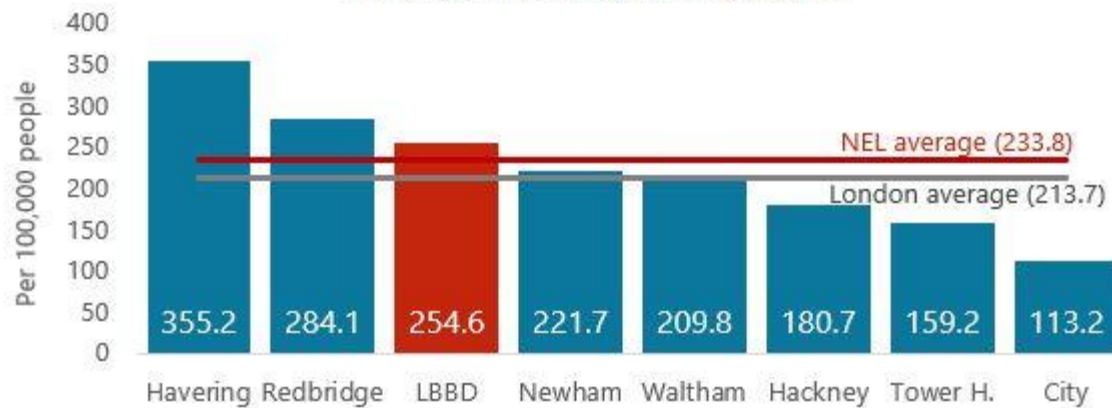
- Provisionally in week 15 of 2021 there were 5 Covid-19 deaths in North East London Boroughs down from 8 recorded in week 14 (w/e 9th Apr 2021).

- NEL Covid-19 deaths account for 20% (5/25) of all Covid-related deaths in London that week. This is slightly lower than the 23% of the London population that NEL boroughs account for.

- Redbridge had the highest number of Covid-19 deaths at 3; accounting for 60% of all NEL deaths. This is the 5th week running that every NEL borough has had 4 deaths or less.

- The highest number of Covid-19 deaths in any single London borough was 4 in Hounslow followed by 3 in both Brent and Redbridge.

Cumulative rate of COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 people occurring up to 16 April 2021, North-East London boroughs



- In north east London boroughs, the **cumulative Covid-19 average death rate** is 233.8 per 100,000 people. This is 9.4% higher than the London average of 213.7 per 100,000.

- The London Borough of Havering continues has the highest **cumulative** Covid-19 death rate per 100,000 people of all North East London Boroughs at 355.2.

- Barking and Dagenham ranks 3rd at 254.6 deaths per 100,000 people; above both the NEL (233.8) and London (213.7) averages.

Data source: [Office for National Statistics](https://www.ons.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Director of Public Health recommended actions

- Put in place measures to prevent a surge in cases following religious festivals and the Easter break.
- Continue to support the NHS with vaccine roll out and reinforce the importance of vaccination to residents.
- Engage with local leaders and influencers to support efforts to reduce vaccine hesitancy and other barriers preventing residents from taking up the vaccine.
- Support the roll out of home testing across schools, special schools and colleges.
- Maximise our local communication and engagement with residents on Covid-19 prevention and harm reduction.
- Improve contact tracing rate to reach 90% and above for positive cases in Barking and Dagenham.
- Support those residents who are required to self-isolate, as well as the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) residents who are advised to shield. Ensure timely payment of the £500 support package for those who are eligible.
- Work with the police to enforce national restrictions.
- Prepare for the gradual lifting of restrictions as per the governments' 4 step approach.
- Review our prevention programmes in order to reduce / better manage risk factors for chronic disease across the life course.